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PART I-A

CENTRAL SECTION

Orders and Notifications (Other than those published in Part IV-B) under the Gujarat Local Boards, Village Panchayats, Municipal Boroughs, District Municipal, Primary Education and Local Fund Audit Acts.

PANCHAYATS, RURAL HOUSING AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, 22nd July, 2026

GUJARAT PANCHAYATS ACT, 1993.

No.KP/21 of 2026/PRHRDD/KRT/E-FILE/2025/5104/KH:- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (5) of section 227 read with section 274 of the Gujarat Panchayats Act, 1993 (Guj. 18 of 1993) the Government of Gujarat hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Research Assistant, Class III, in the Superior Panchayat Service Recruitment Rules, 2016, namely:-

1. (1) These rules may be called the Research Assistant, Class III, in the superior Panchayat Service Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force from the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette.*

2. In the Research Assistant, Class III, in the Superior Panchayat Service, Recruitment Rules, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as "the said rules"), in rule 2, in clause (a), for the words "by promotion of a person of proved merit and efficiency", the words, brackets and figures "by promotion of a person who possesses "Good" benchmark for being considered fit for promotion within the zone of consideration as laid down in the Gujarat Civil Services Classification and Recruitment (General) Rules, 1967" shall be substituted.

3. In the said rules, in rule 4,-

(a) in clause (a),-

(i) for the words and figures “not be less than 21 years and not be more than 37 years of age”, the words and figures “not be more than 37 years of age” shall be substituted;

(ii) after the existing proviso, the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided also that the upper age limit may be relaxed in favour of a candidate belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections and also in favour of Women candidates.";

(b) in clause (b),-

(i) for sub-clause (i), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely: -

"(i) a post graduate degree or a bachelor's degree with Statistics or Applied Statistics or Mathematical Statistics or Business Statistics or Economics or Applied Economics or Business Economics or Econometrics or Mathematics or Applied Mathematics or Advance Statistics as principal subject obtained from any of the Universities established or incorporated by or under the Central or a State Act in India; or any other educational institution recognised as such or declared as deemed to be a University under section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956;

(ii) sub-clause (ii) shall be deleted.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

VARSHA C. HERMA,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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